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Current Position

2024-2027

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow

Project: *EUREG – Unveiling European Union Regulatory Design* (EU Horizon Europe, 2021–2027).

Chair of Empirical Theory and Research, Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LMU Munich) (Host: Prof. Christoph Knill).

Secondment: GOVTRUST Centre of Excellence, University of Antwerp (Host: Prof. Koen Verhoest).

2025-2027

Package Leader and Consortium Member

Project: *SUPA – Sustaining Public Administration in Modern Democracies* (EU Horizon Europe, 2021–2027).

Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Leader of *Work Package 3: Legal Design and Endogenous Rule Growth*.

Education

2017-2023

Ph.D., Political Science, the Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dissertation Title: *Regulating Discretion: The Institutionalization of Regulatory Discretion*. Supervisor: David Levi-Faur. Dissertation Committee: Christoph Knill, Edward C. Page, Ittai Bar-Siman-Tov, Shaun Bevan. Exchange Stay: University of California, Berkeley (Host: Prof. David Vogel) (six months)

2015-2017

M.A (magna cum laude), Political Science, the Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Thesis Title: *Between Law and Regulation: A Law-Centered Perspective on the Production of Regulations in Israel*. Supervisor: David Levi-Faur

2012-2015

B.A, Political Science & Communication, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Prizes, Awards, and Honorable Mentions

2024

Jacob and Genia Horniker Prize

A prize for an outstanding doctoral dissertation by the Hebrew University (equivalent to summa cum laude)

2023

Giandomenico Majone Prize

Best Paper Award for an outstanding paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance by an early career scholar. Paper Title: *More Discretion, More Regulation? Policy Implementation through Regulation in the United Kingdom, 1991-2022*.

2022

Rudolf Wildenmann Prize

Best Paper Award for an exceptional paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops by an early career scholar. Paper Title: *Conceptualization and Measuring Regulatory Discretion: Text Analysis of 120 Years of British Legislation*.

2018

Jonathan Fine Best M.A. Thesis Award

An honorable mention by the Israel Political Science Association for an outstanding Master's thesis. Paper Title: *Between Law and Regulation: A Law-Centered Perspective on the Production of Regulations in Israel*.

- 2018** **Jacques Nass Award for Outstanding Seminar Paper in political economy**
An Outstanding Seminar Paper in political economy awarded by the Department of Political Science and the Department of Economics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for. Paper Title: *How Does Overlapping Regionalism Shape the Output of Regional Organizations?*

Fellowships

- 2024-2026** **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (€200,000)**
Awarded by the European Commission, this fellowship is one of Europe's most competitive and prestigious programs for postdoctoral researchers.
- 2024-2026** **The Israeli Science Foundation (ISF) - Postdoctoral Fellowships in Social Sciences (€80,000) (Declined)**
This two-year fellowship for outstanding researchers is one of the most competitive awards for Israeli social scientists pursuing postdoctoral studies abroad.
- 2024-2025** **Rothschild Humanities & Social Sciences Fellowship (€65,000) (Declined during Shortlist)**
This one-year fellowship for outstanding young researchers is among the most prestigious awards for Israeli social scientists pursuing postdoctoral study abroad.
- 2019-2022** **The Hebrew University President's Scholarship for Excellent Doctoral Students (€45,000)**
This three-year scholarship is the most competitive award given to graduate students at the Hebrew University.
- 2020-2022** **The Hebrew University Center for interdisciplinary Data Science Research PhD Fellowships (€12,000)**
This fellowship is awarded annually to selected graduate students applying data science techniques at the Hebrew University.
- 2018-2021** **The President of Israel's Scholarship for Excellence and Scientific Innovation (€45,000)**
This three-year scholarship is awarded annually by the President of the State of Israel to 12 top graduate students across the country.
- 2015-2020** **Advanced Graduate Program (Telem) Scholarship, the Hebrew University's Political Science Department (€55,000)**
A multi-year scholarship awarded to a small number of exceptional graduate students in the Political Science Department.

Grants

- 2025-2027** EU's Horizon Europe grant *SUPA – Sustaining Public Administration in Modern Democracies* (partner and package leader, HUJI part **€200,000**)
- 2020** The Heth Academic Center for Research of Competition and Regulation, College of Management and Academic Studies, Research Grant (with Yoav Mehozay)

2020	The Aharon Barak Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Research Grant
2018	The Heth Academic Center for Research of Competition and Regulation, College of Management and Academic Studies, Research Grant (with David Levi-Faur)
2018	The Aharon Barak Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Research Grant
2018	The Levi Eshkol Institute, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Research Grant
2018	The Faculty of Social Sciences, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Travel Grant
2018	International Association of Public Policy, Travel Grant

Publications

Alon-Barkat, S., Gilad, S., **Kosti, N.**, & Shpaizman, I. (2025). Career Civil Servants' Socially Embedded Responses to Democratic Backsliding. *Perspectives on Politics*, 1-20.

Kosti, N. (2024). Styles of regulatory discretion: A comparative analysis of the British and Israeli education legislation. *Public Administration*, 102(2), 444-460.

Kosti, N. (2024). Conceptualization and measurement of regulatory discretion: Text analysis of 120 years of British legislation. *Regulation & Governance*, 18(3), 761-779.

Kosti, N. & Levi-Faur, D (2019). The Co-Production of Primary and Secondary Legislation: Israel as a Case Study, *Law & Policy*, 41(4), 432-457.

Kosti, N., Levi-Faur, D., & Mor, G. (2019). Legislation and Regulation: Three Analytical Distinctions. *The Theory and Practice of Legislation*, 7(3), 169-178.

Haber, H., **Kosti, N.** & Levi-Faur, D. (2019): Welfare Through Regulatory Means: Eviction and Repossession Policies in Singapore, *Housing Studies*, 34(3), 407-424.

Under Review

Kosti, N., Fernández-i-Marín, X., & Steinebach, Y. Are Regulatory Offsetting Schemes Effective in Curbing Regulatory Growth?

Book Chapters

Kosti, N. (2021). Centralization via Delegation: The Long-term Implications of the Israeli Arrangements Laws. In Bar-Siman-Tov, I (ed.). *Comparative Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Omnibus Legislation* (pp. 73-94). Cham: Springer

Kosti, N., Shpaizman, I. & Levi-Faur, D. (2019). The Israeli Agendas Project. In Baumgartner, F., Breunig, C. & E. Grossman (eds.). *Comparative Policy Agendas: Theory, Tools, Data, Cambridge* (pp. 114-119), Oxford: Oxford University Press

Kosti, N. & Levi-Faur, D. (2018). The Right to Participate in Collective Decision Making: Barriers and Beyond. In Seubert, S., Hoogenboom, M., Knijn, T., de Vries, S. & F. van Waarden (eds.). *Moving Beyond Barriers: Prospects for EU Citizenship?* (pp. 199-219). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Levi-Faur, D., **Kosti, N.** & van Waarden, F. (2018). Democratic Empowerment in the European Union: An Introduction. In Levi-Faur, D. & F. van Waarden (eds.). *Democratic Empowerment in the EU* (pp. 1–14). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Dinur, K., **Kosti, N.**, Levi-Faur, D. & Mor, G. (2018). Is Democratic Empowerment Enough? The Lessons of Brexit for the Future of the European Union. In Levi-Faur, D. & F. van Waarden (eds.). *Democratic Empowerment in the EU* (pp. 269–280). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Publications (Hebrew)

Kosti, N., Gross, A. "The Paradox of COVID-19 Legislation" 2024, *Democratic Culture*, 22, 93-144.

Kosti, N., Mehozay, Y. (2022) Policy in Times of Emergency: A Historical and Contemporary Perspective on the Use of Emergency Regulations in Israel, *Studies on Regulation*, 5, 211–246.

Kosti, N. & Levi-Faur, D. (2019). Excessive Regulation in Israel? Analysis of Primary and Secondary Legislation in Israel, 1948-2017, *Studies on Regulation*, 2, 25–60.

Work in Progress

Kosti, N. The Effects of Regulatory Discretion on Regulatory Production: A Comparison of British and Israeli Education Legislation and Regulation.

Kosti, N., Siddiki, S, Franz, C. Nesting Delegations: Understanding Delegation of Regulatory Authority Using Computational Text Analysis and Institutional Grammar 2.0

Kosti, N. & Levi-Faur, D. Developing Discretion for Trust in Regulatory Governance: Analyzing Citizen's Willingness to Grant Discretion to Regulators, Politicians, Regulatory Agencies, and Private Regulators

Rozenberg, O., Ando, Y., Bar-Siman-Tov, I., **Kosti, N.**, Saalfeld, T. A Democratic Storm? Covid Oral Questions in Four Western Countries.

Training (International Schools)

ECPR Winter School, *Time Series Analysis* – Bamberg, 2019.

IPPA Winter School, *Historical Institutionalism* – Autrans, 2017.

European Integration Summer School, *History, Institutions, and Policies of European Integration* – Kristiansand, 2016.

ECPR Winter School, *Quantitative Text Analysis* – Bamberg, 2015.

Essex Summer School, *Data Analysis and Statistical Graphics with R* – Essex, 2014.

ECPR Winter School, *Multiple Regression Analysis I* – Ljubljana, 2013.

Conferences

Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2025

International RegGov Association Conference 2024

Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2023

Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments 2022

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2022

International Public Policy Association Conference 2021
Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2021
Bar-Ilan University's Conference on Omnibus Legislation 2019
Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2018
Israel Political Science Association Conference 2018
Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference 2017
Israel Political Science Association Conference 2017
Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference 2015

Invited Talks, Seminars, and Workshops

Advancements in Text as Data Methods for Political Science - Department of Social and Political Sciences and the Computational Models and Designs Hub, University of Milan, Italy (2025)

Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy (IOEA) 2025 – Invited Workshop Instructor (declined)

Dynamic Governance – Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Italy, 2025 (with Bernardo Rangoni)

Regulatory Discretion – Theories of Regulation and Governance Seminar, Online, 2022

State of Emergency – Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions, University of Haifa, Israel, 2020

Regulatory Expansion – Siemens-Colloquium, Faculty of Social Sciences, LMU Munich, Germany, 2019 (with David Levi-Faur)

Legislative Division of Labor – Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, United States, 2018

Teaching Experience

The Open University of Israel

Lecturer
Course: Regulation Seminar
Bachelor's Seminar
Spring Term, 2021, 2022
Autumn Term, 2022

Reichman University

Teaching Assistant
Course: Empirical Research in Politics
Lab Sessions
Autumn Term, 2021

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Teaching Assistant
Course: Research Methods
Lab Sessions
Spring Term, 2015, 2016, 2017

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Teaching Assistant
Course: Scientific Reading and Writing
Lab Sessions
Autumn Term, 2015, 2016, 2017

Essex Summer School

Teaching Assistant
Course: Comparative Methods
Summer 2014

Other Professional Activities

Visiting Researcher, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (2023-2024)

Chair of Empirical Theory and Research, Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science.
Host: Prof. Christoph Knill

Postdoctoral Researcher on ERC-funded project REGTRUST (2023-2024)

Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Supervisor: David Levi-Faur

Guest Editor

Special issue on legislation and regulation, *the Theory and Practice of Legislation* (with David Levi-Faur and Guy Mor)

Reviewer of Scientific Journal

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Governance, European Journal of Political Research, Regulation & Governance, Government and Opposition, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Journal of European Public Policy, Policy Design and Practice

Research Assistance

Research assistant to Prof. David Levi-Faur (the Hebrew University of Jerusalem), 2013-2018

Research assistant to Prof. Yoram Haftel (the Hebrew University of Jerusalem), 2017-2018

Editorial Assistance

Editorial assistant in Regulation & Governance, 2015-2020

Conference Coordination

10th-14th Rabin Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2014-2017 (Four Conferences)

Software

R (very good command), Python (very good command)

Language

Hebrew (Native), English (fluent), German (Basic)